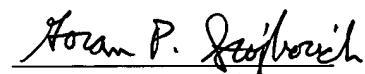


REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in the Application. Claims 15-40 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this Amendment, no new matter has been added. Support for the amendments above can be found in the specification and the claims as filed. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any matter related to the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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